

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory Number 120014 CH-868

Address: 5075 Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Golfarama, Inc.

Tax Parcel Number: 320 Tax Map Number: 23

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?: X no \_\_\_ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination** (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Situated on a landscaped lot with mature trees and shrubs and adjacent to a wooded area, the recreation center at 5075 Crain Highway features paved parking, a miniature golf course, an administrative building for rental equipment, an ice skating rink, and a batting cage with a high chain-link fence and a small one-story building in the rear. There is another house on the property which is at the end of a gravel driveway. Vernacular in style, it is one story high, four bays wide, and features wood frame construction with aluminum or vinyl siding and a hipped, asphalt shingle roof. The house is also marked by a centered entry with a 1-leaf door, 6/6 windows, a central interior brick chimney, and a one story, one bay wide entrance portico with chamfered post supports. A large side porch is one bay wide and two bays deep with similar post supports.

This recreation center reflects trends of development that characterized southern Maryland during the early-20th century. By the beginning of the 20th century, road improvements and the use of the automobile began to affect the development of Charles County. As trucks began carrying more tobacco and produce from southern Maryland to northern markets, the demands for better roads grew. In 1922, the construction of the Robert Crain Highway, the

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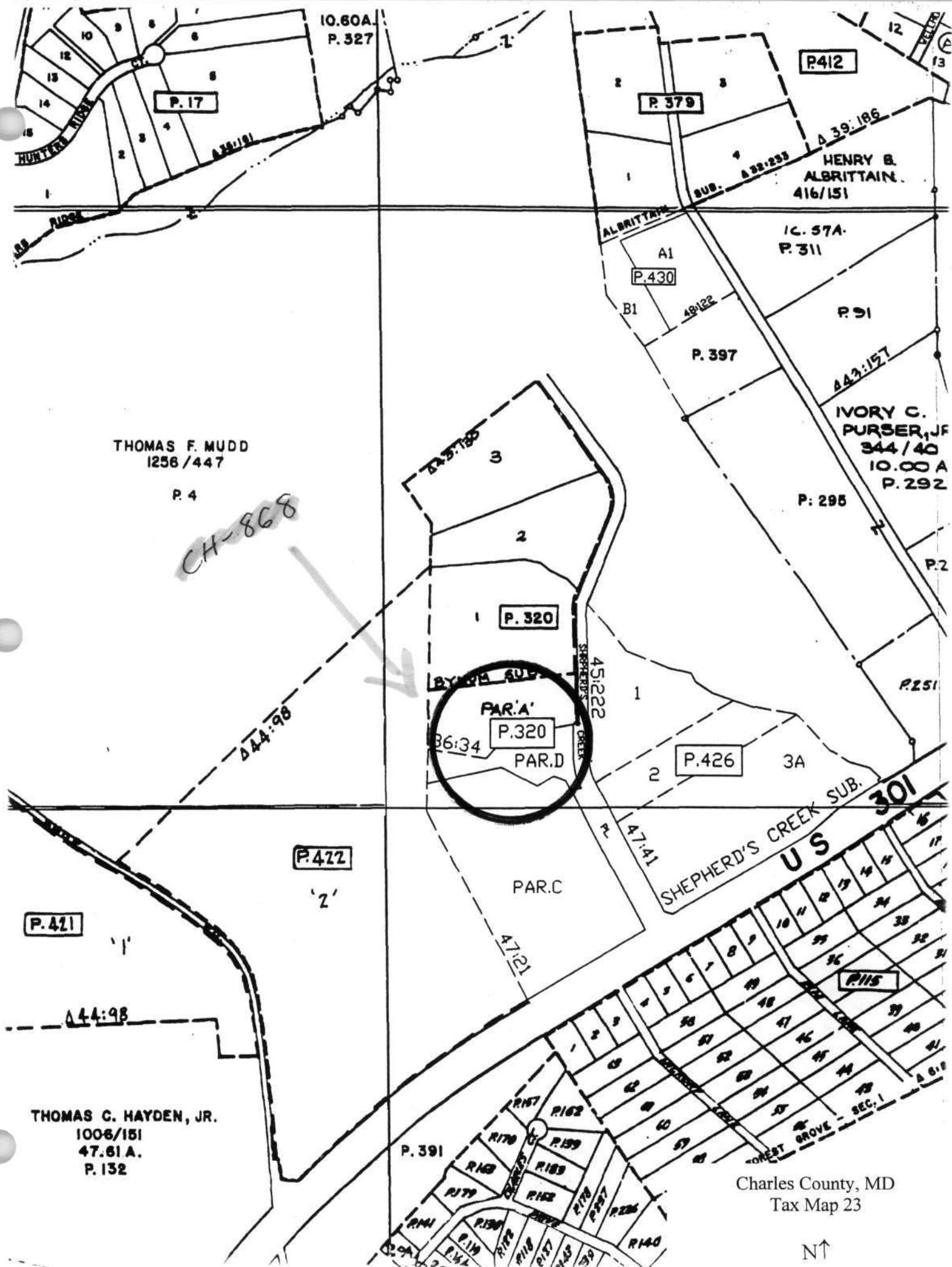
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predecessor to U.S. 301, began. Linking the rural areas of southern Maryland to the urban centers in the north, Crain Highway attracted new commercial and domestic development. From the 1930s to the present, Crain Highway, and its successor U.S. 301, brought increased traffic through Prince George's and Charles Counties, which in turn encouraged commercial development along its length. This development often took the form of entertainment establishments and travel-related services, including motels, and restaurants.

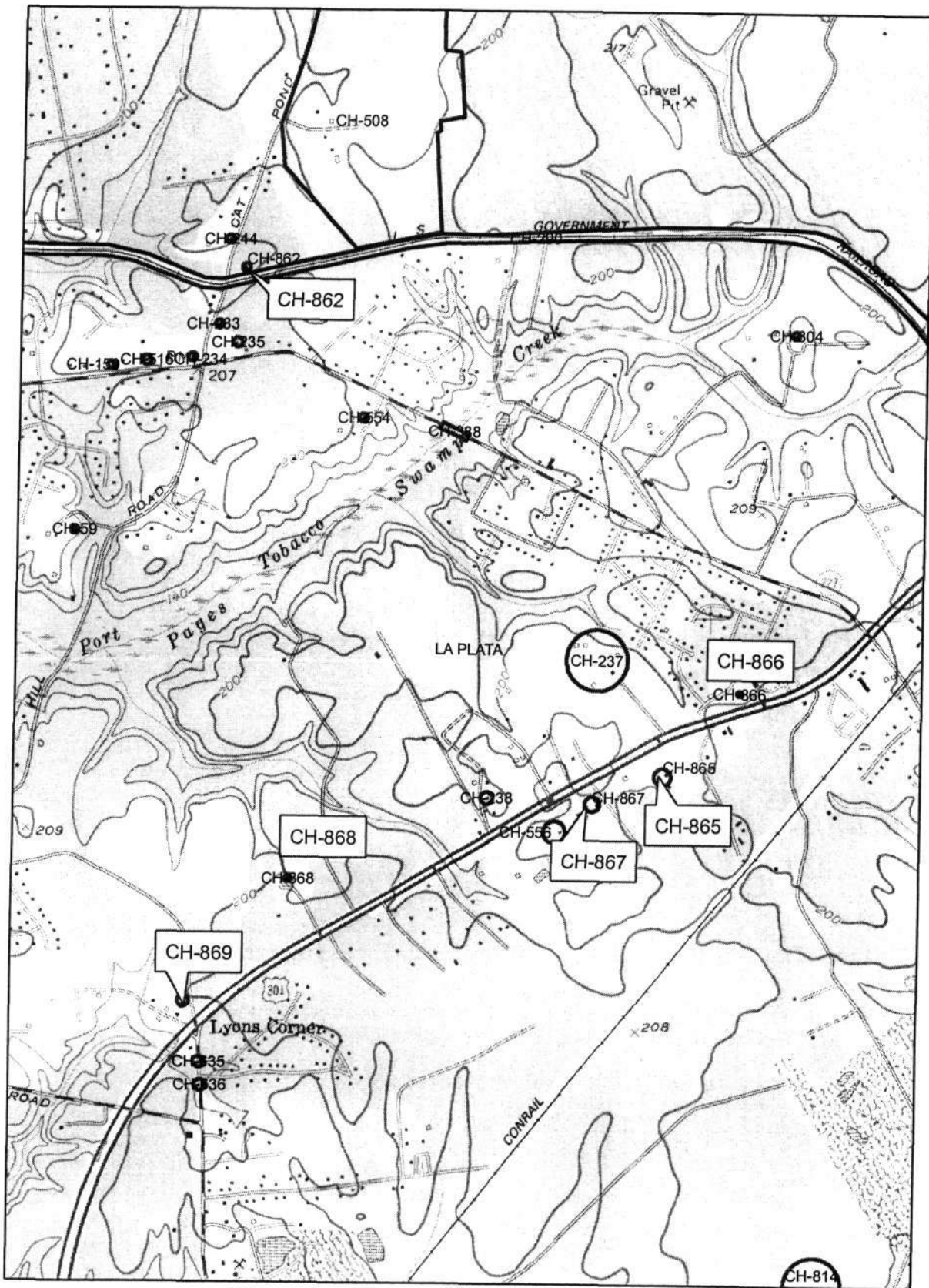
This c. 1930 complex is not eligible for the National Register. It lacks significance related to events, persons or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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Tax Map 23

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